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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The rules under section 43 (1) of the Plantations Labour Act, 1951, have been finalized and published at pages 1 to 30 of Rules Supplement to Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th January 1956.

* 3120 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1739 given on 31st March 1955 whether the rules under the Plantations Labour Act have been finalized?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 3119 by Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Sir, may I know whether the wages of these labourers have been regulated in the past by a statute of the Government or whether the Government propose to regulate the wages on the basis of a Minimum Wages Ordinance prevalent in other tea plantations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The question of wages is before a Special Tribunal which is considering it.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN: May I know what steps have been taken by the Government to implement the rules framed under the Plantations Labour Act, 1951?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Government propose to appoint some additional special staff to attend to the implementation of the rules.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM: *சர்க்கார் பிரசுரித்திருக்கும் இந்தத் தோட்டத் தொழிலாளர்களின் விதிகள் சர்க்காரால் நடத்தப்படும் சின்கோணா பிளான்டேஷனில் வேலை செய்யும் தொழிலாளர்களுக்குப் பொருந்துமா? அல்லது அவர்களுக்கு விதிவிலக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா?*

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: These rules will apply to all plantations including Cinchona which is run by Government.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Sir, am I to take it that there is no minimum wage rate in Madras and that the function of the Tribunal is in the form of an *ad hoc* function?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the Tribunal will take up the question whenever there are disputes.

### *Tellicherry Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society*

* 3121 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Dr. K. B. Menon): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tellicherry Producers'*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society has applied for conversion into a Rural Bank; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government propose to effect the transformation?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The transformation will be given effect to as soon as the following formalities are over, viz.—

(1) adoption by the general body of the society of certain modifications to its by-laws to bring the by-laws in conformity with the model by-laws for such societies;

(2) obtaining the consent of the financing bank, viz., the Malabar District Co-operative Bank; and

(3) grant of exemption under section 4 of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act to enable the society to be registered on limited liability basis.

*Money-lending by private individuals*

* 3122 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to bring in a bill to regulate money-lending by private individuals?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As the member is aware the Madras Money-lenders Bill, 1955, was introduced in this House on 29th November 1955 and referred to a Joint Select Committee.

*Supply channel in Kilamathur village*

* 3123 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the ryots of Kilamathur village, Perambalur taluk, regarding the repair of the supply channel to their irrigation tank; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) "Yes."

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

*Courts in Malabar*

* 3124 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of (1) Magistrate's Courts, (2) Munsif's Courts and (3) Rent Courts opened in Malabar on or after 1st July 1955.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No courts have been opened on or after 1st July 1955.